

REMARKS

The specification has been amended for clarity and to correct typographical errors. In particular, the amendments on pages 3 and 14 correct a typographical error in the tetravalent radical formula. The amendment on page 4 corrects a typographical error (R_1 should have been R_5). The amendment on page 5 is supported by the specification at page 2, first line (when R_2 is hydrogen, then R_5-NH-R_2 contains an $-NH_2$ group). The amendments to pages 12-14 and 16 more precisely describe the example in terms of the language used in other portions of the specification, such as, e.g., page 1 (formulae Ia and Ib), pages 5 and 6 (formulae IIa and IIb), and pages 5-7 (use of various amine reagents in the preparation of compounds of formulae Ia or Ib).

Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 10-12 have been amended. Claims 1, 11 and 12 were amended for clarity. Claim 3 was amended to correct a typographical error in the tetravalent radical formula. Claim 6 was amended to correct a typographical error (R_1 should have been R_5). The amendment to claim 10 is supported by original claim 1 and the specification on pages 1-2. New claims 15-25 have been added. Claims 15-20 are supported by original claims 2-7. Claims 21 and 22 are supported by the specification on page 11, first full paragraph. Claims 23 and 24 are supported by the specification on page 11, second full paragraph and pages 6-7. Claim 25 is supported by original claim 1 and the specification on pages 1-4.

The amendments contain no new matter.

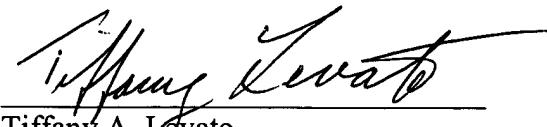
Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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